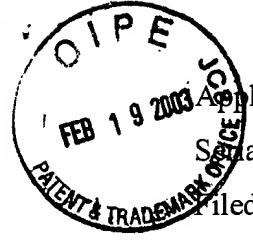


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Applicant: Barbara J. Aalbers ✓
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Title: A CONTAMINANT REMOVAL TAPE ASSEMBLY, A ROLL OF
CONTAMINANT TAPE, AND METHODS OF REMOVING
CONTAMINANTS FROM A SURFACE

Examiner: Daniel R. Zirker ✓
Group Art Unit: 1771 ✓
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 23-53 and amend claims 1 and 12 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A roll of contaminant removal tape, comprising:

- a backing including a first side and a second side opposite said first side;
- a layer of adhesive on said first side of said backing, wherein said layer of adhesive is arranged so as to have discontinuous contact with a surface to which said roll is applied;

wherein said roll includes a plurality of wraps of said backing and said layer of adhesive with said layer of adhesive facing outwardly away from the center of the roll of tape.

2. The roll of contaminant removal tape of claim 1, wherein said layer of adhesive includes a first side and a second side opposite said first side, wherein said first side is a textured surface, and wherein said textured surface faces outwardly away from the center of the roll of tape.